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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Global Issues

FROM : [REDACTED]
: National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT : 1983 OGI Research Program

Your proposed program encompasses a number of subjects with specific warning implications to include the following:

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Issue: International Borrowing and Lending

2. The fragile international financial system can result in sudden changes in national stability giving rise to hostile actions both overt and covert. The warning implications and indicators should be identified as studies in this area are conducted.

Issue: Terrorism

3. One of the more difficult warning areas because of the shortfalls in "tactical" intelligence. The warning issues extend beyond the actual terrorist event, to the potential national and international instabilities which may result from terrorist acts. Furthermore, terrorism must be examined as a possible deliberate precursor or adjunct to an outbreak of major hostilities.

Issue: Nuclear Proliferation

4. Nuclear proliferation will have a destabilizing effect which could lead to major hostilities.

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Issue: The USSR in The Third World

5. Soviet penetration into new Third World areas may result in significant swing in area power balances and willingness to undertake hostile action. Arms flow, both overt and covert, and increased basing rights remain warning issues.

Issue: Conventional Weapons Proliferation

6. As previously stated changes in power balance, both real and perceived can impact significantly on internal and external stability. High technology weapons proliferation is of particular concern because of the immediate threat to US security interests.

Issue: International Energy

7. Increased demands for energy coupled with any restrictions in meeting those demands are warning indicators of potential regional hostility. Additionally, newly discovered energy deposits may reopen old territorial disputes.

Issue: Political Instability and Insurgency

8. A fundamental aspect of the warning problem.

Issue: Third World Economic Issues

9. Should also be examined for warning implications. What are the economic indicators; national, regional and international, which should be considered as possible precursors to hostile actions?

Issue: World Leaders

10. Which countries derive their political stability from their leadership and which would rapidly lose that stability should there be a change? Which leaders are actual formentors of national and international unrest?

Issue: World Resources and Commodities Markets

11. Significant changes in production and availability of food stuffs and other resurces may have a major destabilizing effect. Can we identify those items and vulnerable nations?

In summary, we are supportive of your program, urge you to keep the warning aspects of the various issues in mind, and will be happy to work with you as you require.



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